

# City of Trinity Comprehensive System-wide Parks and Recreation Plan

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## **Section 1: Purpose**

Over the past three years the City of Trinity has been active in several different planning activities including adoption of the City's first comprehensive land development plan, a design project lead by students from a landscape architecture class from North Carolina A&T State University and a small area plan that laid out the development of a village center and a development plan for the city's property within that area. Each of these plans contained recreational elements however none were exclusively created for recreation.

The purpose of this plan is to strictly plan for future recreational facilities while not duplicating existing services and pulling together existing planning efforts into a single planning document.

## **Section 2: Completed Planning Exercises**

1. **Land Development Plan:** In 2007 the City of Trinity adopted its first comprehensive development plan. The plan focused on future development of property, transportation, utilities and recreation. One element of the plan was the creation of a network of future greenways that would connect neighborhoods in Trinity
2. **NC A&T Student Project:** Soon after adoption of the land development plan, the City was fortunate to receive some design assistance from a group of landscape architecture students from North Carolina A&T State University. The group held two public design projects with a group of adults and a group of high school students. The result of their work was a conceptual plan for a village center and for development of a park at the city's property.
3. **Center City Plan:** Most recently the city adopted the Center City Plan which created a plan for development of a village center and also laid a plan to develop the city's property within this planning area for a park.
4. **Plan our park Day:** On November 2, 2010 the City of Trinity held an all day workshop to get input on a park design for the center city park and for future parks city wide. The event started in the early afternoon with a walk-in session and a more formal design meeting at 7:00pm. The final design that resulted from the meeting is included in this planning document.

## **Section 3: Goals and Objectives**

1. **Creation of a park on the existing municipal property.** Development of the park should utilize grant funding including the Parks and Recreational Trust Fund (PARTF).

2. Acquire access easements along future sewer lines for construction of greenways.
3. Creation of a network of greenways starting at the municipal property and connecting area schools, the Archdale Trinity YMCA, and neighborhoods. Development should begin after creation of the park and should utilize grant funding.
4. Survey existing recreational facilities to avoid any duplication of services.

## **Section 4: Existing Parks and Facilities**

- a. YMCA Soccer Complex: A series of soccer fields located on Turnpike Rd managed by the High Point YMCA.
- b. Trinity High School: A public school with a number of recreational facilities including football field, tennis courts, baseball field and gym. Facilities are public but limited in use based on school approval of use.
- c. Trinity Elementary: Limited recreational uses including playground and picnic shelter.
- d. Braxton Craven Middle School: The school includes a small gym and recreational field. The field is used by the general public for youth baseball.
- e. Archdale Trinity YMCA: The YMCA will have an indoor gym, exercise equipment and meeting rooms but use is based on membership and YMCA approval.
- f. Hopewell Elementary: Limited recreational uses including playground and picnic shelter.

## **Section 5: Needs and Analysis**

### **2009 Survey of Needs:**

In May 2009 Rachel Hawley, an intern with the City of Trinity surveyed local Trinity students in connection with a small area plan that the City was undertaking. Part of this survey and plan was to access the recreational needs of the city. Two surveys were distributed to Braxton Craven School and also to Trinity High School. In addition a survey was given to participants at a biannual city wide clean up event, City Haul.



The results were strong and show a great interest in constructing a park on city owned property.

**Would you like to see a public park on the City's property?**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	strongly disagree	no response
58	102	26	5	7
29.3%	51.5%	13.1%	2.5%	3.54%

This fall we created a different survey that was mailed directly to every household in Trinity with the City's Fall Newsletter. The survey was also advertised on the City's website and Facebook page and electronic version was created on Survey Monkey to help make completion of the survey easy.

## Fall 2010 Survey Results

### Returns

A survey was distributed in the City's fall newsletter, the Trinity Connection to gauge interested in development of a park. The newsletter and inserted survey was distributed to 3,098 households. Trinity residents were also given an opportunity online to fill out the survey through Survey Monkey ([www.surveymonkey.com](http://www.surveymonkey.com)) and a pdf of the survey was posted on Trinity's website ([www.trinity-nc.gov](http://www.trinity-nc.gov)). Of the 3,098 households, 82 returned the survey which is a 2.6% return rate. Trinity's population is currently 7,019 and of the 83 households that returned the survey they represent 225 people which is a 3.2% return rate.

<u>Survey Type</u>	
Print	Online
69	15
<b>Total</b>	84

**People Surveyed** 229

## Demographics

**Adults** – Of the 229 people represented in the survey, 65.5% were adults with an average age of 50.5. Between male and female the survey was evenly represented with 50.6% male and 53.3% female.

**Adults:**

150*
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**Average Age:**

50.5
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**Adult (m/f):**

<b>Male:</b>	78
<b>Female:</b>	82

**Youth** – Of the 229 people that were represented in the survey, 21.8% were youth or 18 and under. The average age of these respondents were 9.3. Out of the 50 youth respondents 36% were male and 22% were female.\*

**Youth:**

50*
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**Average Age:**

9.32
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**Youth (m/f):**

<b>Male:</b>	18
<b>Female:</b>	11

\*some respondents did not include age or sex of adults or children in household which accounts for these figures not totaling 229.

**1. Which recreational activities do you and other members of your household enjoy?**

One of the first survey questions asked what recreational activities people enjoyed. The top 5 activities were walking, picnicking, swimming, fishing and biking.

<b>1.</b>	<b>Walking</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Picnicking</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Swimming</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Fishing</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Biking</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Baseball</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Camping</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Basketball</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Tennis</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Golf</b>	<b>22</b>

<b>11.</b>	<b>Cultural Activities</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Football</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Running</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>14.</b>	<b>Horseback Riding</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>15.</b>	<b>Volleyball</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>16.</b>	<b>Soccer</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>17.</b>	<b>Disc Golf</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>18.</b>	<b>Rock Climbing</b>	<b>5</b>

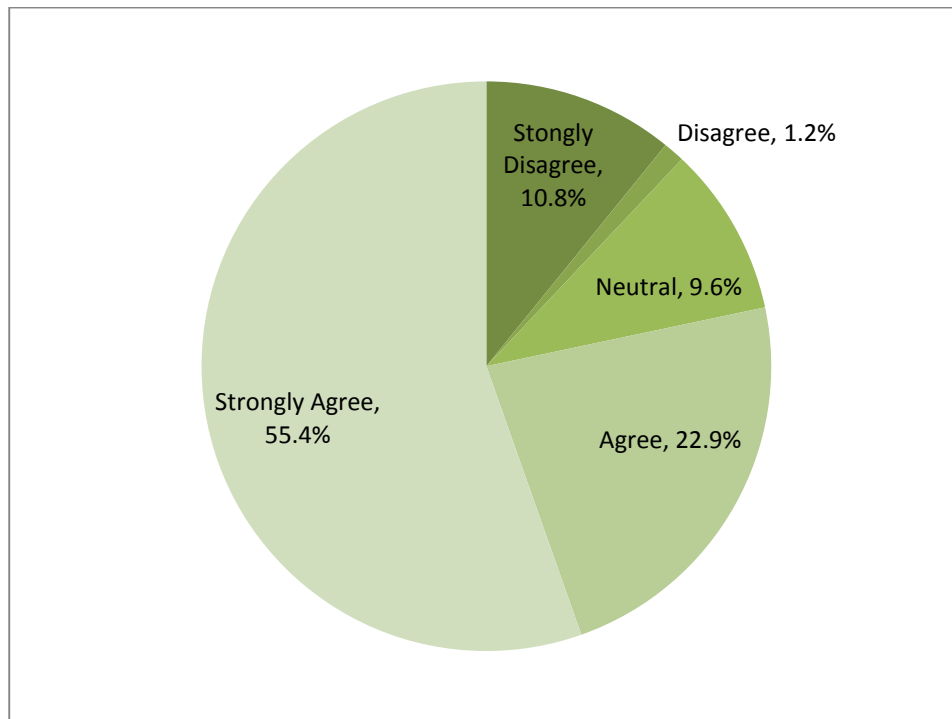
In the second part of the survey, individuals were asked the following questions to gauge their interest in parks and recreational opportunities and between active and passive activities.

2. Please circle the response that best describes how you feel about each of the following recreation & park goals in Trinity?

**A. Provide quality recreation & parks opportunities for residents**

<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	9	10.8%
<b>Disagree</b>	1	1.2%
<b>Neutral</b>	8	9.6%
<b>Agree</b>	19	22.9%
<b>Strongly Agree</b>	46	55.4%
	83	

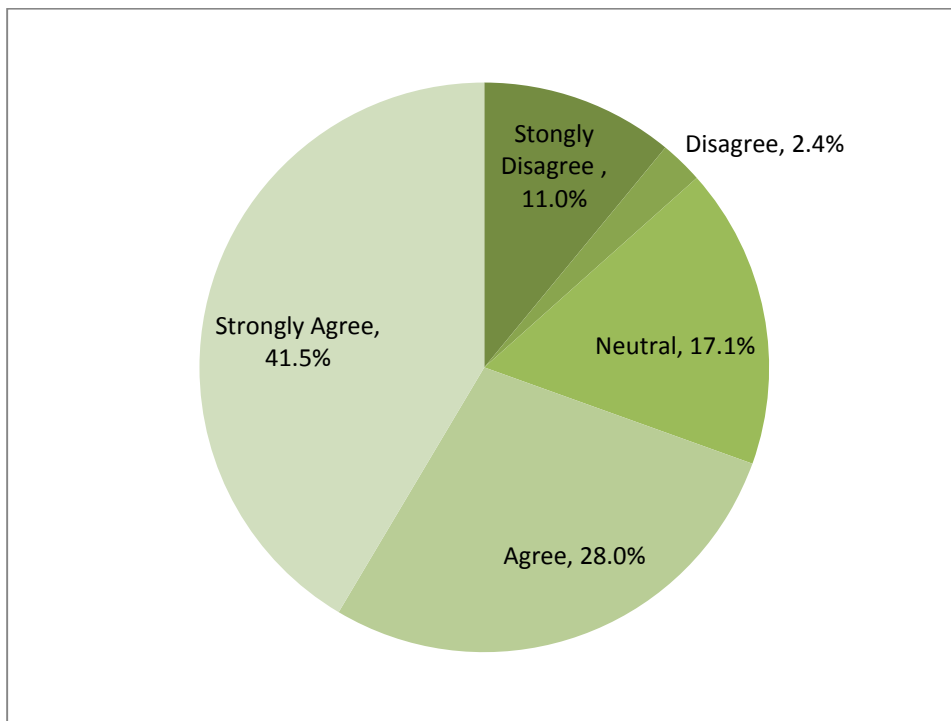
Positive        78.3%  
 Neutral        9.6%  
 Negative       12%



**B. Provide activities outdoor recreation opportunities (e.g. athletic fields)**

<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	9	11.0%
<b>Disagree</b>	2	2.4%
<b>Neutral</b>	14	17.1%
<b>Agree</b>	23	28.0%
<b>Strongly Agree</b>	34	41.5%
	82	

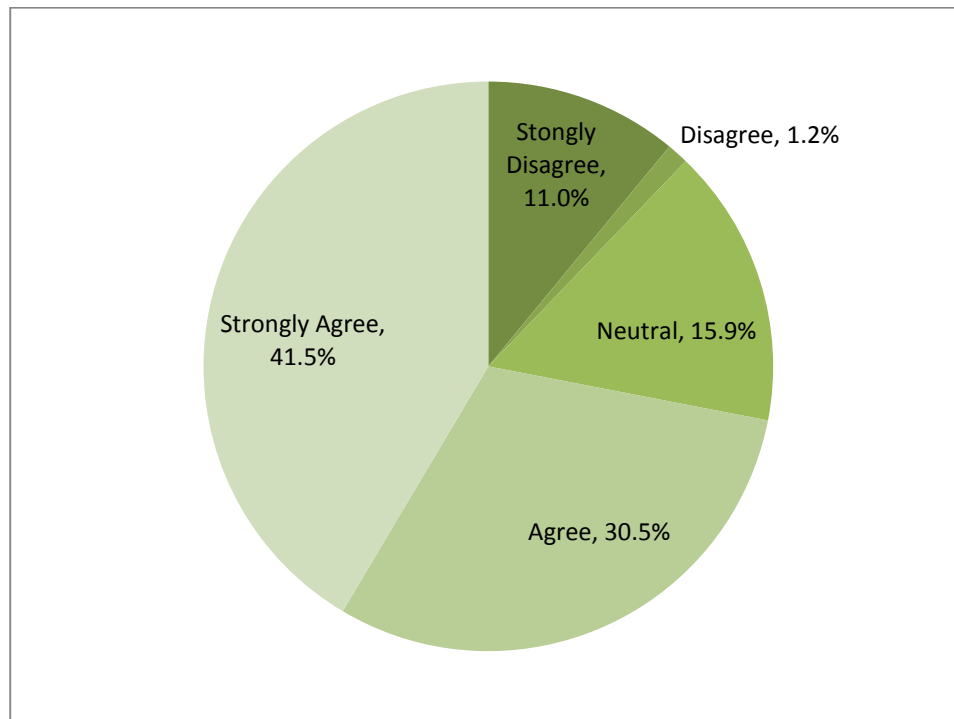
Positive 69.5%  
Neutral 17.1%  
Negative 13.4%



**C. Provide passive outdoor recreation opportunities (e.g. picnicking)**

<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	9	11.0%
<b>Disagree</b>	1	1.2%
<b>Neutral</b>	13	15.9%
<b>Agree</b>	25	30.5%
<b>Strongly Agree</b>	34	41.5%
	82	

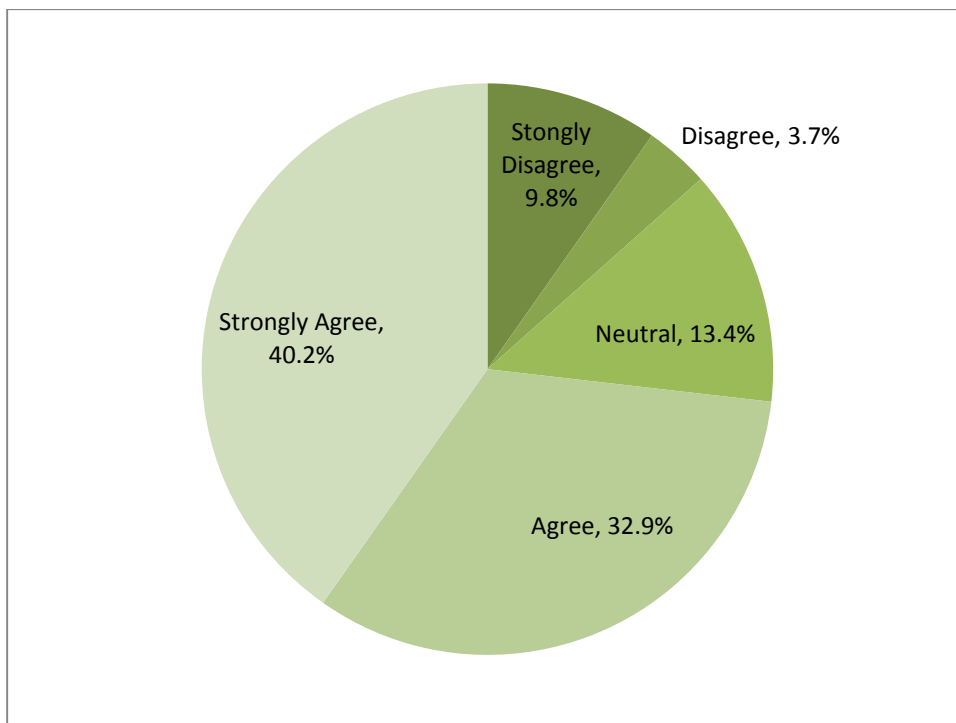
Positive 72%  
 Neutral 15.9%  
 Negative 12.25



**D. Provide a combination of passive and active outdoor recreation opportunities.**

<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	8	9.8%
<b>Disagree</b>	3	3.7%
<b>Neutral</b>	11	13.4%
<b>Agree</b>	27	32.9%
<b>Strongly Agree</b>	33	40.2%
	82	

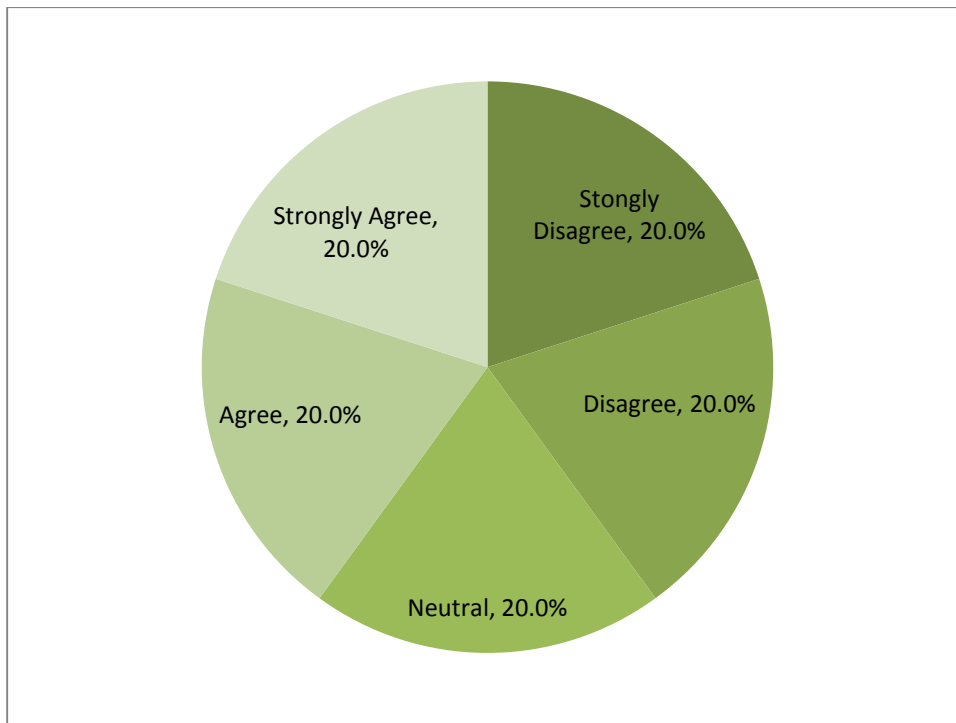
Positive        73.1%  
Neutral        13.4%  
Negative       13.5%



**E. Provide and indoor recreation center.**

<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	16	20.0%
<b>Disagree</b>	16	20.0%
<b>Neutral</b>	16	20.0%
<b>Agree</b>	16	20.0%
<b>Strongly Agree</b>	16	20.0%
	80	

Positive      40%  
Neutral        20%  
Negative       40%

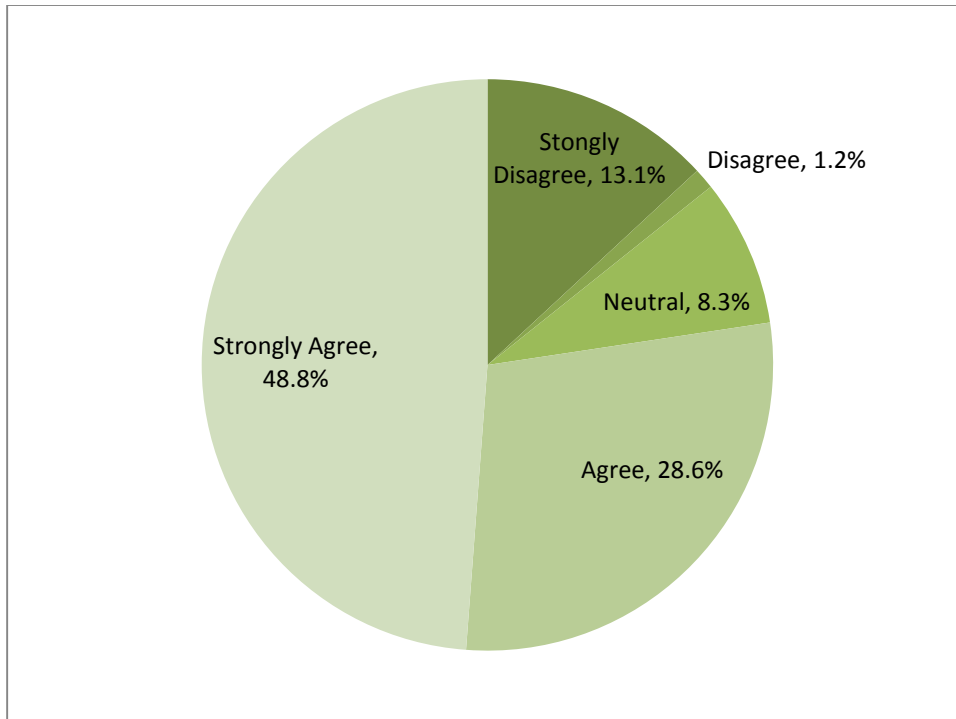




**F. Provide a trail system to link recreation and park facilities with local neighborhoods (e.g. walking trails and sidewalks)**

<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	11	13.1%
<b>Disagree</b>	1	1.2%
<b>Neutral</b>	7	8.3%
<b>Agree</b>	24	28.6%
<b>Strongly Agree</b>	41	48.8%
	84	

Positive        77.4%  
 Neutral        8.3%  
 Negative       13.1%



3. The City of Trinity is currently planning a park on the City Hall site. The site's steep slopes, forests and streams support passive recreational uses like hiking and picnicking and limit opportunities for active, organized sports like soccer or baseball. The first phase of development is proposed to include a playground for older kids, a smaller fenced playground for younger kids, picnic shelters, restrooms and paved trails connecting these amenities, to the historic Bathing Rock and Trinity High School.

	3 - Very Interested		2 - Interested		1 - Not Interested
Walking Trails	47	Attend Classes	30	Geo-Caching	39
Farmer's Market	38	Festivals & Special Events	29	Rollerblading	38
Picnicking	36	Horseshoes	29	Shuffleboard	37
Nature Trails & Exhibits	36	Arts & Crafts	27	Skateboarding	37
Library	31	Farmer's Market	27	Bocce' Courts	36
Playground	31	Gardening	26	Disk Golf	35
Festivals & Special Events	30	Social Events & Meetings	26	Bird Watching	31
Veterans Memorial	30	Fishing	24	Volleyball	28
Community Center	27	Community Center	24	Tennis	24
Biking Trails	26	Amphitheater	23	Basketball	23
Social Events & Meetings	22	Bird Watching	21	Jogging for Exercise	23
Swimming	22	Biking Trails	21	Amphitheater	21
Fishing	20	Playground	21	Gardening	19
Attend Classes	19	Basketball	20	Arts & Crafts	18
Arts & Crafts	17	Library	20	Swimming	18
Jogging for Exercise	17	Swimming	20	Fishing	17
Amphitheater	15	Jogging for Exercise	20	Horseshoes	17
Gardening	15	Nature Trails & Exhibits	20	Attend Classes	16
Horseshoes	14	Picnicking	19	Biking Trails	14
Tennis	14	Volleyball	19	Community Center	14
Basketball	12	Tennis	18	Social Events & Meetings	14
Rollerblading	8	Veterans Memorial	18	Library	13
Bird Watching	7	Disk Golf	14	Playground	13
Volleyball	7	Walking Trails	14	Walking Trails	13
Skateboarding	6	Shuffleboard	13	Veterans Memorial	12
Bocce' Courts	6	Skateboarding	12	Nature Trails & Exhibits	12
Disk Golf	5	Rollerblading	11	Picnicking	11
Geo-Caching	5	Bocce' Courts	9	Festivals & Special Events	8
Shuffleboard	3	Geo-Caching	6	Farmer's Market	8

At the end of the survey folks were given the opportunity to leave comments. Some comments were not specially focused on parks however all comments were included.

Try to find a way to reduce the outrageous sewer bill
You have already covered all that I can think of. Thank you for doing a really good job.
An idea would be to put activities/equipment for older/disabled adults. In this area, there are many older citizens who would also enjoy using the facility. Something more for young children (like my 2yr old) would be great too. Most playgrounds don't have much for them. Thank you!
We're sorry but we can't support this project. What is this park costing the Trinity taxpayers? This large investment could be used in a better way.
get it ready
an annual "theme" festival unique to the City of Trinity
plan a very large park while the city is young and land is available (think central park).
our lack of interest is due to: we live close to Trinity track for walking, regularly go to YMCA and then there's Creekside
dances, bowling, Scottish Games
Area for refreshment, water sprinklers, spots like Nature Science Center in G-boro & water play like Dan Nicholas
possibly social functions such as wedding anniversary reception center
dog park
We feel the "pork" is extravagant and should start small if we even have one. A very unscientific survey- should start by asking if people even want a park, not assuming they do
The events to be held in an amphitheater setting can unify our citizens and bring cultural enjoyment as we assemble as family, friends and citizens
A park without raising taxes
Pick up my trash with the tax dollars I've already paid for the last ten years and not charge \$15 a month to do so. I don't know what you'all are smoking but this ain't Cary or wherever you think it ought to be. Street lights on Surrat where there is nothing but road DASH. I live here because I don't want to be like Archdale. The hole reason this place got incorporated was to it leave as it was and not be HP T'ville or Archdale. I was born and raised here, but if you want me to move away and quit paying taxes for nothing, just keep up this silly Shit or save it for the next generation of pipe dreamers.
have a place for wheelchairs on trails would be nice for the older disabled. Also a place for dogs to walk.
gospel music concerts
provide recycling bin on city property
would like to see a future park but not now
Prefer this money to be used to provide sewers in Steeplegate subdivision, do not need this
I believe the city needs to focus on building an infrastructure before building facilities for recreation. We need to focus on paying for sewer and police protection.

## Section 6: Future Projects

1. **Center City Park:** Development of a park at municipal property along NC Hwy 62. The park will be developed for passive recreation such as walking, picnicking and similar activities. Phase one of the park will include an entrance to the park, adequate parking, restroom facilities, picnic shelters and play ground equipment. Future phases will include additional shelters & trails, an amphitheater, fishing pond, veterans memorial, disc golf and dog park.
2. **School Connector Trail/Walkway:** This walkway will connect three schools, Trinity High School, Braxton Craven Middle School and Trinity Elementary with each other and with the Center City Park. Approximate: Length – 3,650' Cost - \$255,000
3. **Old Town North Trail/Walkway:** This trail will run north from the Center City Park to the Linda and Carl Grubb YMCA in Archdale. Length – 4,100' Cost - \$385,000
4. **Old Town South Trail/Walkway:** This trail will run south from Center City Park to the intersection of Hwy 62 and Surrett Dr. Length – 3,800' Cost - \$300.00
5. **Turnpike Trail/Walkway – Phase 1:** Phase 1 of this trail will run from NC Hwy 62 & Surrett Dr to city property on Brook Cir (a future park site). This project will include upgrades to property owned by the City on Brook Cir (Brook Cir Park). Length – 5,120' Cost - \$520,000
  - a. Brook Cir Park: Cost - \$80,000
6. **Turnpike Trail/Walkway – Phase 2:** Phase 2 of this project will continue from Brook Cir to the YMCA soccer complex on Turnpike Rd. This project will include upgrades to property owned by the City on Brook Cir (Brook Cir Park). Length – 4,300' Cost - \$400,000
7. **Brookdale Park:** Development of a small pocket park on a half acre property currently owned by the City of Archdale. Trail/Walkway Connector to Turnpike Trail/Walkway: Length – 500' Cost - \$60,000
8. **Coltrane Trail/Walkway & Park:** A trail that would start at Morgan St and following a stream to Coltrane St and then along Old Hopewell Church Rd and Hopewell Church connecting with the Old Town South Trail. The project would include purchase of property at Coltrane St and Morgan St. Length – 11,100 Cost - \$980,000
9. **Trinity Heights Trail/Walkway:** A sidewalk path that would connect the Trinity Heights neighborhood on Meadowbrook Dr with the School Connector Walkway and the three area schools. Length – 1,400 Cost - \$95,000

- 10. Hopewell School Trail/Walkway:** A series of short trails or sidewalks that would connect adjoining neighborhoods (Dawnwood Acres & Shannon Dr) with Hopewell Elementary.

## Section 7: Supporting Documents

Master Recreation Plan (Appendix A): This map includes all current and proposed recreational facilities.

Supplement Maps:

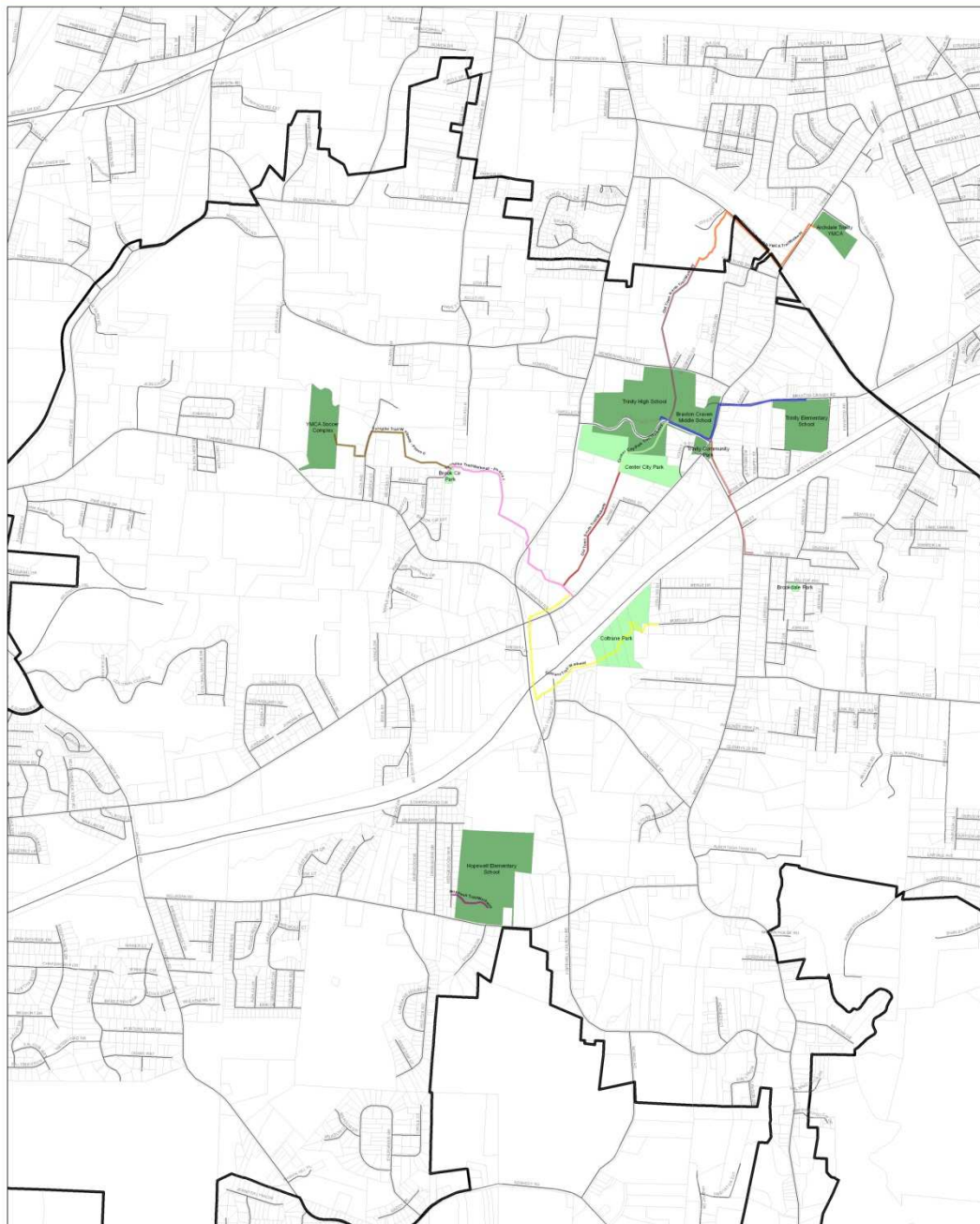
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7. Coltrane Trail/Walkway & Park
8. Trinity Heights Trail/Walkway
9. Hopewell School Trail/Walkway

Greenway Plan (Appendix B): This document was adopted on February 20, 2009 as a part of the city's Land Development Plan. This map lays out a network of greenways that will connect existing and future neighborhoods, commercial development and neighboring cities. The greenways will be constructed along the city's proposed sewer outfalls.

NC A&T Plan Appendix C-1 & 2): These two documents are the result of the students work and public meetings. The maps include a greenway plan overlaid on the village center plan as well as a conceptual plan for the city's property.

City of Archdale Pedestrian Network Plan (Appendix D): This document was used to plan out future pedestrian connection between the City of Trinity and Archdale.

## City of Trinity - Comprehensive System Wide Recreation Plan



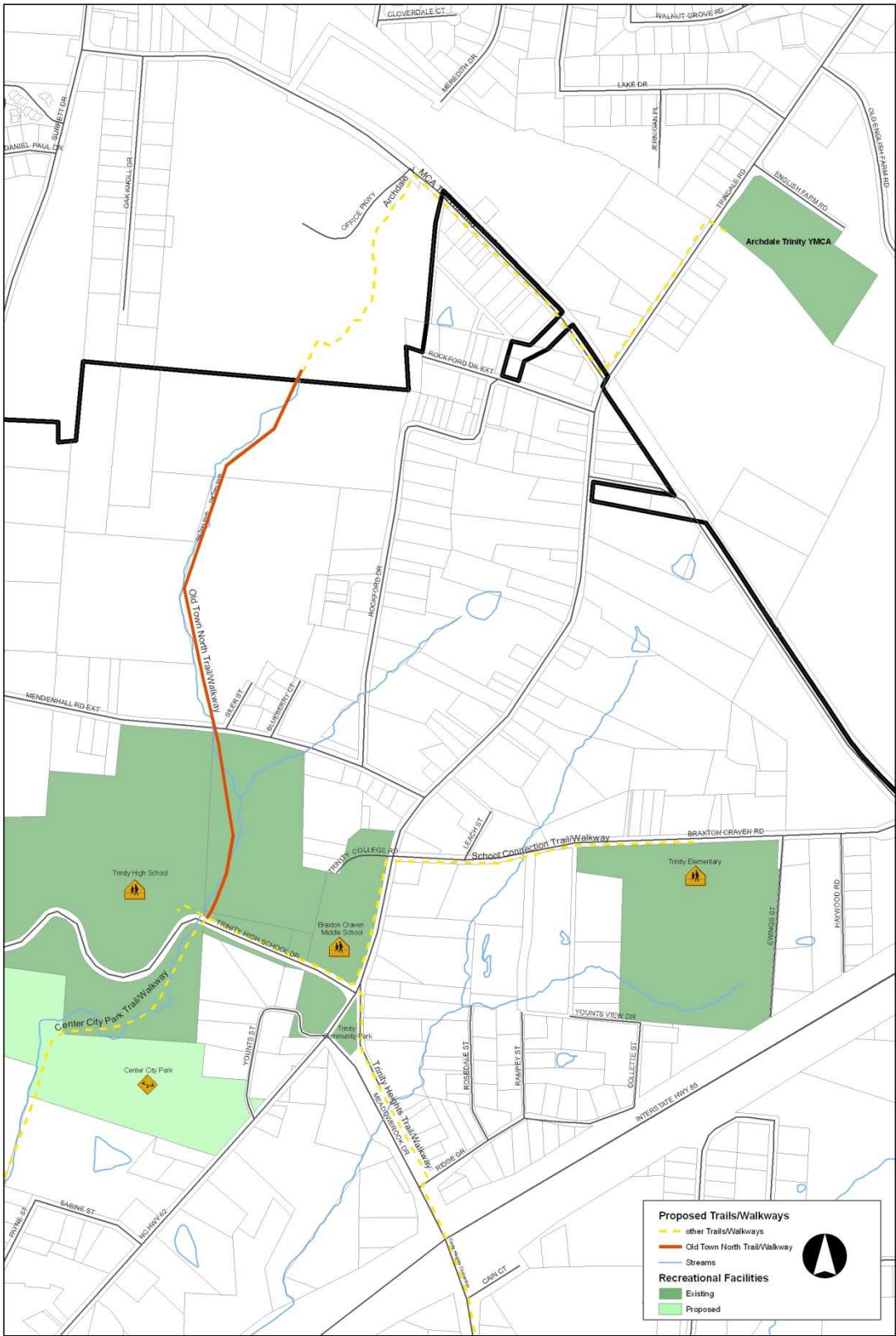
- | Proposed Trails/Walkways         | Recreational Facilities |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Archdale YMCA Trail/Walkway      | Existing                |
| Center City Park Trail/Walkway   | Proposed                |
| Coltrane Trail/Walkway           |                         |
| Hopewell Trail/Walkway           |                         |
| Old Town North Trail/Walkway     |                         |
| Old Town South Trail/Walkway     |                         |
| School Connection Trail/Walkway  |                         |
| Trinity Heights Trail/Walkway    |                         |
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# Appendix A-1 Center City Park





Appendix A-3: Old Town North Trail

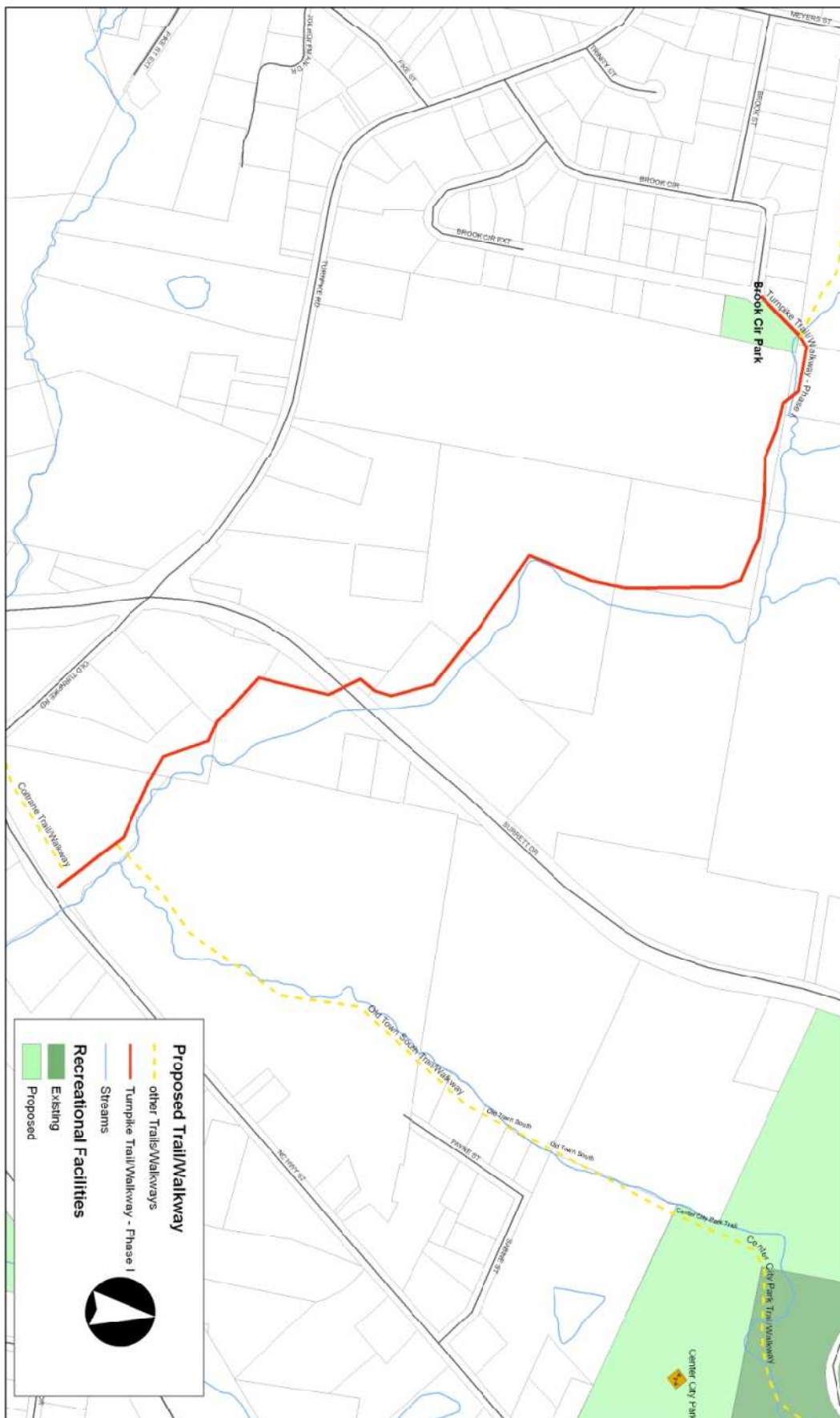




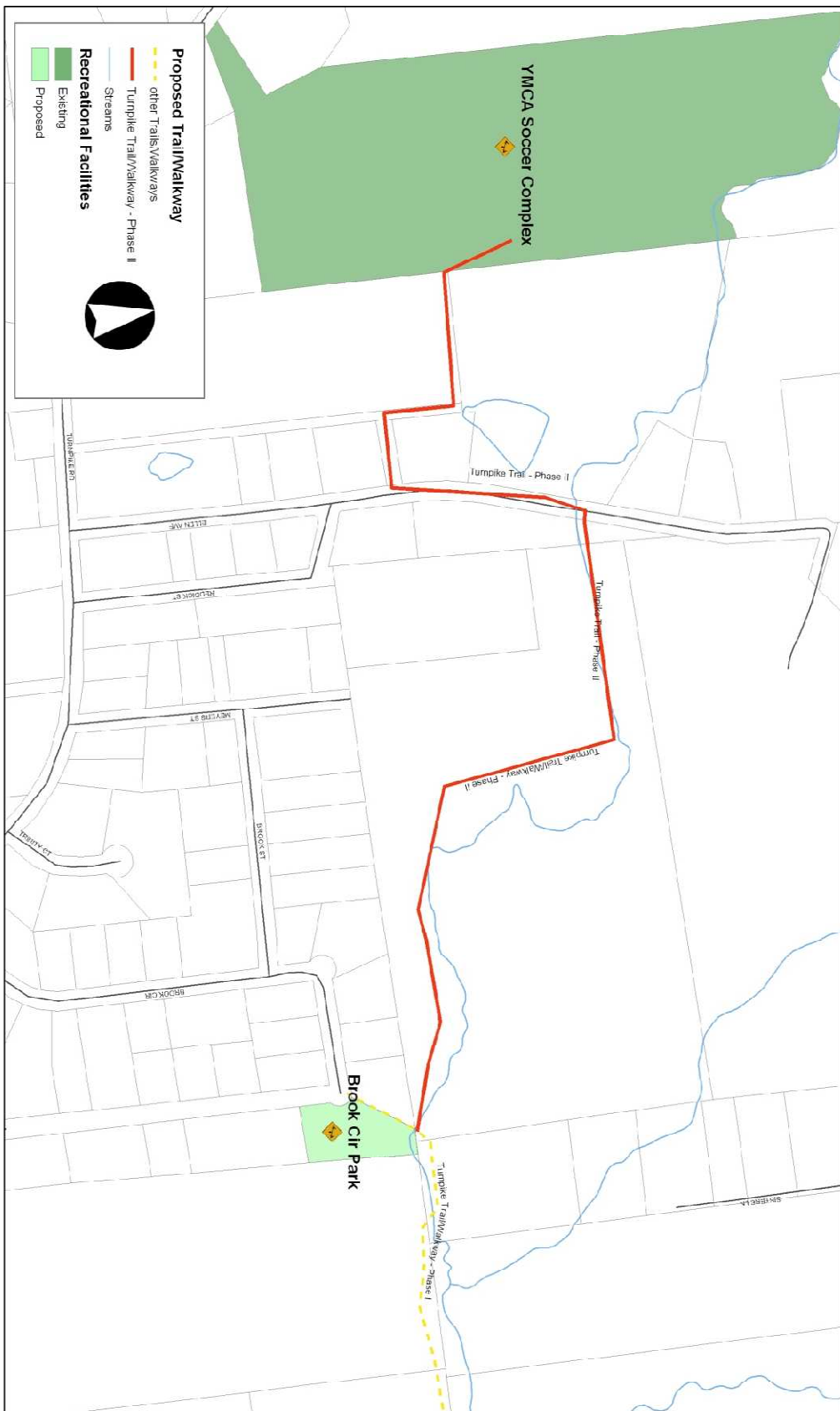
Appendix A-4: Old Town South Trail/Walkway



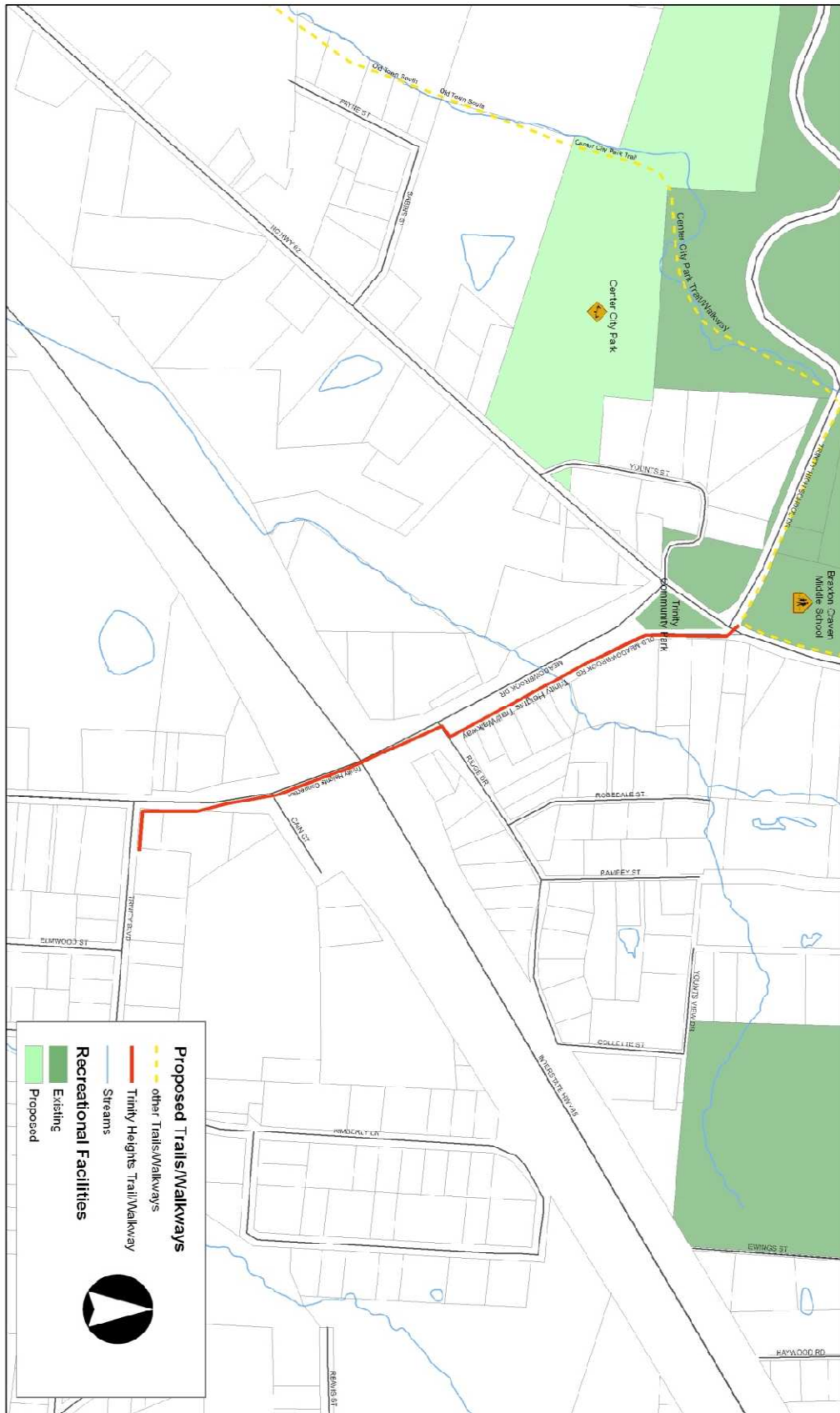
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## Appendix A-6: Turnpike Trail/Walkway Phase 2



# Appendix A-8: Trinity Heights Trail/Walkway

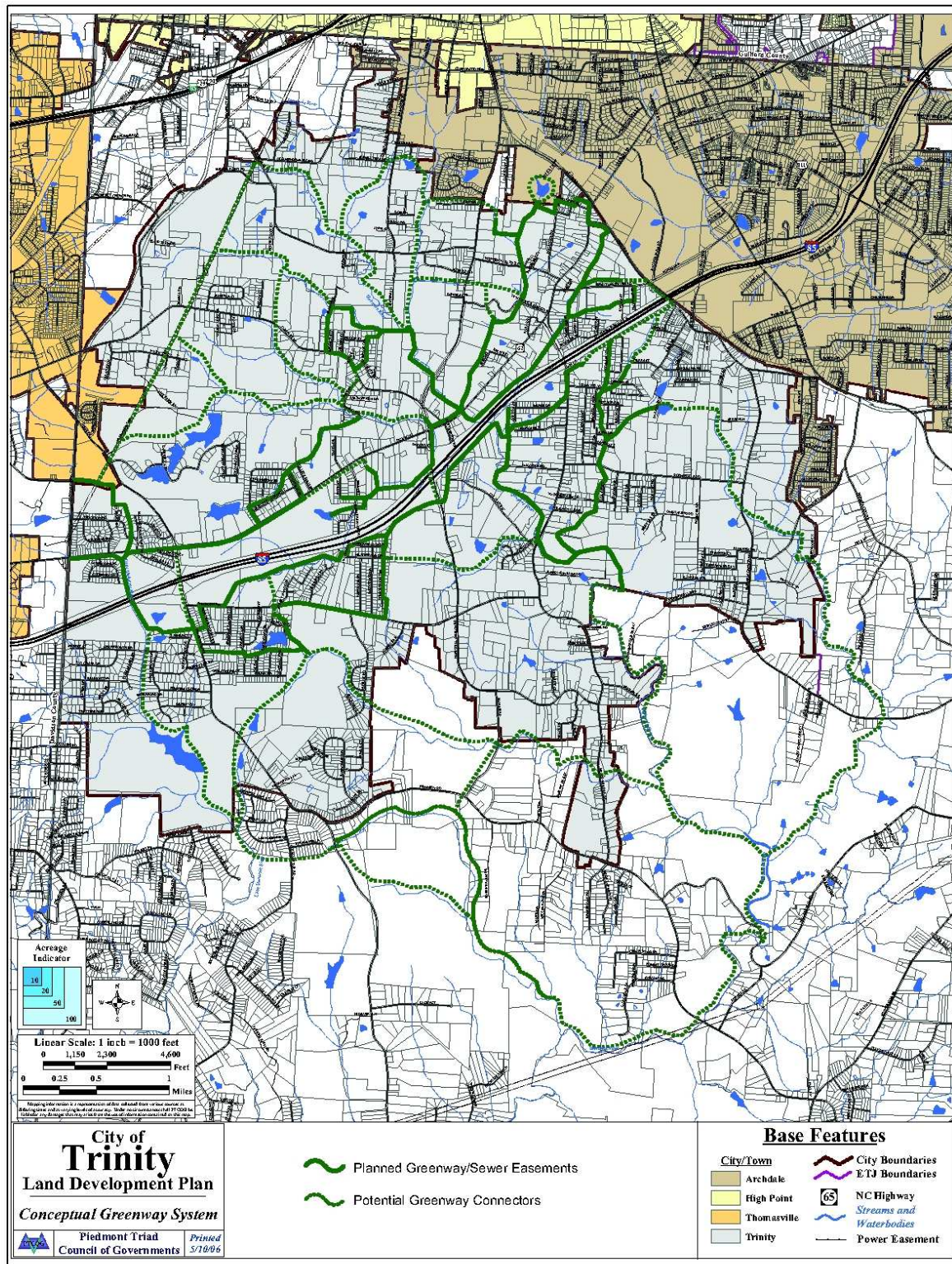


## Appendix A-9: Hopewell School Trail/Walkway





Appendix B – Greenway Plan (City of Trinity Land Development Plan)





Appendix C-1 – NC A&T Center City Design Including Greenway Map





Appendix C-2 – NC A&T Conceptual Park Plan

